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NEW MEMBERS JOIN STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS; CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR ELECTED

SPRINGFIELD (July 1, 2021) -- The Illinois State Board of Elections on Thursday added two new members to its eight-member board and elected a new board chair and vice-chair for the 2021-2023 term.

New board members Catherine S. McCrory of La Grange and Rick Terven of Springfield were sworn in for four-year terms. McCrory, a Republican, and Terven, a Democrat, were appointed to the board by Gov. JB Pritzker and confirmed unanimously by the Illinois Senate on June 15.

McCrory is an attorney in private practice in La Grange specializing in real estate transactions and estate planning. Previously she was affiliated with the law firm of Jones, Faloon and Kenney Ltd. in La Grange. After serving as Assistant State's Attorney in Cook County for five years from 1994 to 1999, she spent several years working abroad in London with both Pepperdine University Moot Court Program and in a private practice handling immigration matters, entertainment contracts and U.S. Tax matters.

Terven retired in 2016 as executive vice president of the United Association of Plumbers and Pipe Fitters United States and Canada, where he previously had served as director of legislative and political affairs, national communications and marketing. Originally from Bloomington, Terven began his career as an apprentice in 1977 with Local 99, where he became business manager, eventually becoming executive director of the Illinois Pipe Trades Association from 2002 to 2008.

Also sworn in for four-year terms were current members Ian Linnabary, a Republican from Rockford who was originally appointed to the board in 2017 and served as vice-chair for the past

two

years, and Casandra B. Watson, a Democrat from Chicago who has served on the board since 2013. They also were unanimously confirmed on June 15.

"I am honored to be chosen for this position and look forward to working with my esteemed colleagues in this important role," Terven said. "I feel my political experience across multiple states and the federal government will bring a unique perspective to the Board."

"This has been a pivotal year in the U.S. regarding election laws and regulations," said McCrory. "My goal is to become a valued member of the Board and maintain their consistent high standards. I look forward to getting to work."

In its first official action, the newly constituted board elected Linnabary to a two-year term as chair and Watson as vice-chair.

Linnabary is a partner at Reno & Zahm LLP in Rockford, where he has practiced law since 2002.

Watson currently serves as an administrative law judge for the Cook County Department of Administrative Hearings and previously served as a hearing examiner for the Chicago Board of Elections.

Terven succeeds Charles Scholz of Quincy, who had served on the board since 2011 including terms as chair in 2015-2017 and 2019-2021. McCrory succeeds Katherine O'Brien of Winnetka, a board member since 2017. Other current board members are Republicans William Cadigan of Winnetka and Laura Kent Donahue of Quincy and Democrats William McGuffage of Chicago and William Haine of Alton.

Though the State Board of Elections is a nonpartisan agency, its board of is composed of four Democrats and four Republicans who are appointed to four-year terms by the governor and whose appointments are subject to Illinois Senate confirmation. The chairmanship rotates every two years between Democrats and Republicans.

The State Board of Elections is an independent state agency charged with the responsibility of having general supervision over the administration of election laws of the State of Illinois. Elections are administered locally by the State's 108 election authorities.

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